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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yukio NISHIMURA, et al. ART UNIT: 1752

SERIAL NO.: 09/879,894

EXAMINER: Yvette Clarke Thornton

FILING DATE: June 14, 2001

FOR: RADIATION-SENSITIVE RESIN COMPOSITION

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

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SIR:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated February 27, 2003, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

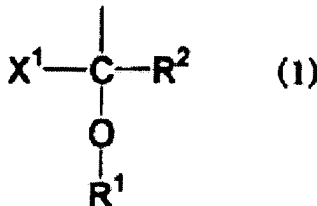
Please add the following new claims:

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-- 17. A radiation-sensitive resin composition comprising (A) an acid-labile group-containing resin having a structure represented by the following formula (1) and (B) a photoacid generator:

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wherein R¹ represents a monovalent acid-labile group, an alkyl group having 1 - 6 carbon atoms which does not have an acid-labile group, or an alkylcarbonyl group having 2 - 7 carbon atoms which does not have an acid-labile group, X¹ represents a linear or branched fluorinated alkyl